



Yachtsman Euromarine

J/24 Western Championships

May 20th & 21st, 2017

Venue & Organising Authority (OA):

Foynes Yacht Club



Sailing Instructions



1 RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (2017-2020), the Prescriptions of the I.S.A. and these Sailing Instructions (S.I.s) including any amendments thereto.
- 1.2 The International J/24 Class Rules will apply. These can be downloaded from www.J24class.org. In particular, Class Rule 8.2, changing RRS 42 (prohibiting hanging off mast or shrouds to promote a roll tack or gybe, and allowing all parts of a main -sheet to be pulled simultaneously), and Class Rule 8.3 changing RRS 49 (regulating crew position outside the upper lifeline) will apply.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 **General.** The event is open to boats of the International J/24 class whose helm or registered owner is a member of a National J/24 Class Association recognised by the International J/24 Class Association.
- 2.2 **Entry Fee.** Required fees are as follows
Class Registration: £50 or €60 (Payable to the J/24 Class Association of Ireland)
Event Entry: €100

- 2.3 **REGISTRATION:** Registration will take place in the Clubhouse on Friday May 19th from 1900hrs to 2000hrs and on Saturday May 20th from 0800hrs to 0900hrs.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the entrance hall of Foynes Yacht Club's Clubhouse.
- 3.2 The Race Office is on the ground floor of the Foynes Yacht Club clubhouse.

- 4 **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change to these Sailing Instructions including any changes to the schedule of racing will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than two hours prior to the scheduled start of the first race of the day.

5 SIGNALS ASHORE:

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club Flagpole.
- 5.2 When flag A.P. is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in 'race signal AP'.

- 6 **COMPETITOR'S BRIEFING:** The Competitors Briefing will take place on Saturday, 20th May at 0930.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 7.1 It is proposed to sail six races.
- 7.2 Proposed Schedule of Races:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>WARNING SIGNAL</u>	<u>High Water</u>		<u>Low Water</u>	
20 th May	Saturday	1130	1426	5.1	2018	1.7
22 nd May	Sunday	1155	1534	4.3	2125	1.3

- 7.2.1 Where two or more races are scheduled on the same day the warning signal for the second and subsequent races shall be as soon as practicable after completion of the previous race.

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- 7.2.2 Saturday 20th May: up to 4 races
- 7.2.3 Sunday 21st May: remaining races to complete series of six.
- 7.2.4 No race will be started after 1430hrs Sunday 21st May, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonments shortly after the start.
- 8 CLASS FLAGS:** The class flag will be the International Code Flag J.
- 9 RACING AREA:** The racing area will be East of Foynes Island or at Mount Trenchard.
- 10 COURSE TO BE SAILED**
- 10.1 Windward/Leeward courses will be used. The diagram in Addendum A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, the number of rounds, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded.
- 10.2 Numeral pennant 2 flown at the start will signify 2 rounds, Numeral pennant 3 will signify 3 rounds, Numeral pennant 4 will signify 4 rounds.
- 11 MARKS:** The Racing Marks may be large ORANGE cylinder marks or as described at the competitors briefing.
- 12 THE START**
- 12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 12.2 The starting line may be between a red/white pole, or Main mast on the race committee boat at the starboard end, and the port-end starting mark. Inner distance marks *may* be laid adjacent to the Race Committee boat, and are starting marks for the purpose of RRS 18, 28.1 and 31.
- 12.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 & A5.
- 13 CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or move the finishing line) to a new position.
- 13.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.
- 13.3 Minor changes to the course will not be signalled.
- 14 THE FINISH**
- 14.1 The Finishing Line shall be between the Mast or staff of a Committee Boat flying a Blue Flag and the Weather Mark, unless the race is shortened.
- 14.2 Unless FINISHING, a boat shall not pass through the finish line in either direction when a BLUE flag is displayed on the Committee boat.
- 14.3 If the race is to be shortened at the start/finish line, a signal boat will position itself at the preceding mark (mark 2 or leeward mark) and display Flag F with repetitive sound signals. Having rounded either mark 2 or the leeward mark, boats shall proceed directly to the finishing line and cross the finishing line from the direction of the last mark. This is in addition to RRS 32.2.
- 15 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 15.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 A boat will take a **One Turn Penalty** when she has broken a rule of Part 2 while racing. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 16 TIME LIMITS**
- 16.1 The time limit for each race will be 2 hours.
- 16.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. Boats scored DNF will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus one point.

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17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as notified on the Official Notice Board.
- 17.4 Notices of protest by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day, or
 - No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the hearing was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes RRS 66.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Points Scoring System of Appendix A shall apply.
- 18.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.4 If 5 or more races are completed then a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible
- 19.2 At all times afloat, competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation device. This changes RRS 40.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20.2 Boats shall sail with their correct sail numbers. Breaches of this sailing instruction will result in disqualification. Provision to sail under any other number shall be sought in writing from the race committee before going afloat and will be granted only in exceptional circumstances.
- 20.3 A spare spinnaker may be carried subject to declaration of its colour(s) on the entry form. In the event that the main spinnaker is damaged beyond repair afloat, the spare may be used in subsequent races. Use of the spare spinnaker must be declared by hailing the committee boat. This changes IJCA rule 3.6.1.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 Equipment and Inventory checks may be carried out on boats on a random basis.
- 21.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22 **ADVERTISING:** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

23 COACHING BOATS:

- 23.1 Coach Boats must register with the Race Office and display markings such as may be required by the Race Committee.
- 23.2 Coaching support may be provided on-the-water between races. This changes RRS 41.

24 **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS:** Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.



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- 25 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS:** Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.
- 26 RADIO COMMUNICATION Channel 72**
- 26.1 The Principal Race Officer may pass information on Channel 72.
- 26.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 27 PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the event as designated by Organising Authority. Perpetual prizes remain the property of the International J24 Class Association of Ireland.
 Gold Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd places overall.
 Silver Fleet: 1st & 2nd & 3rd places overall.
 Perpetual Trophies: Gold Fleet: 1st. Silver Fleet: 1st.
- 28 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, HONORARY MEMBERSHIP & SHIPPING NOTICE**
- 28.1 **Honorary Membership:** All competitors sailing in the J/24 Western Championships shall be honorary members of Foynes Yacht Club during the event, and will be bound by the rules of the club. Competitors are reminded that personal effects, gear, trailers and other equipment are their own responsibility and neither the J/24 Class Association of Ireland, the Race Committee, nor Foynes Yacht Club can be held liable for any claim, loss or damage.
- 28.2 **Responsibility:** Boats are the sole responsibility of competitors, whether they are owners, tenants or Borrowers, and they shall be liable for all damages. The decision to sail or race is solely that of the helmsman.
- 28.3 **Commercial Shipping:** Strict warning is given by Shannon Foynes Port Company that competitors must at all times keep well clear of Tugs and commercial shipping in the area. Competitors must comply with these warnings.
- 28.4 **Local Variations:**
 See Admiralty Chart of Foynes Island & Harbour Area in the Clubhouse.
- 29 RISK STATEMENT:** Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: **“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone”**
 Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 30 INSURANCE:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per incident.

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